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### Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

William J. Deane

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/25/2008 and 11/06/2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,602,910 (Tsutsui et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,625,474 (Bussan et al.).

Note that Tsutsui et al. teach a master telephone 14, a slave telephone 119, a status means (see Col. 3, lines 20 – 33), status discrimination means (at least element 17). Tsutusi et al. does not explicitly disclose an incoming call detector or a notification means. However, note that Bussan et al. teach such limitations are old in the art (see Col. 2, lines 41 – 44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such an incoming call detector and a notification means as taught by Bussan et al. into the system of Tsutusi et al. as such would only entail the addition of a well known incoming call detection and notification means into a system that has a call detection and notification means. Note also the master unit 14 and slave unit 119. Note also Figs. 6, 8, 10A - 10D and 11. In addition, note audible display 110, visual display 19.

What Tsutsui et al. do not explicitly teach is a plurality of extensions, but does teach one (see col. 8, lines 9 – 13). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill

in the art to have incorporated more than one extension as such would only entail duplicating what is taught by Tsutsui et al.

With respect to the page signal, note that signals passed between the master unit and slave unit is old in the art (see at least Col. 1, lines 18 – 20 of Tsutsui et al.). Tsutsui et al. do not explicitly disclose a "page" signal, however, such "page" signals are well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art use "page" signals wherever it was deemed necessary.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 - 19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (571) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (571) 273-8300.

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